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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (STIMULUS)**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Grant Program is referred to as CDBG-R. The City of Baltimore through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is eligible to receive **\$6,226,574** under the Recovery Act. The goals of the Recovery Act are the preservation and creation of jobs, assistance to those most impacted by the recession, long-term economic enhancement via investments in technology and infrastructure, stabilization of State and local government budgets.

The City is required to identify upfront, the specific activities and projects they intend to fund with CDBG-R funds. HUD expects CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner consistent with the purpose and goals of the Recovery Act. DHCD is accepting applications for projects to be funded with CDBG-R funds. Applications will be accepted from May 12, 2009 through May 18, 2009.

Applications submitted should contain CDBG-R dollars requested, project name, activity description, project budget and number of full and part time jobs to be created or retained. Applicants should note that this is one-time funding and emphasis will be placed on shovel ready projects, economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facility activities that will quickly spur economic investment, increase energy efficiency, and job creation or retention. **THREE COPIES OF THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

No funding requests will be accepted after the May 18, 2009 deadline. All requests should be forwarded to:

Shama Ganachari, Chief, CDBG Office
417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1101
Baltimore, MD 21202

Priority shall be given to projects that can be underway 120 days from the date the funds are available. Applications shall be reviewed for conformity with CDBG National Objectives, eligibility standards and is in keeping with the Mayor's Citywide and the Recovery Act goals. Organizations selected for funding will be required to enter into a contract with the City of Baltimore.

DHCD shall amend the 2008 Action Plan to incorporate the Recovery Act funds and the distribution of these dollars. Attached is additional information and guidance regarding the Recovery Act.

For further information, please call (410) 396-1966.